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MEMORANDUM FOR: The United States Intelligence Board


SUBJECT : Proposed Expansion of Billets for the
Exploitation and Use of TALENT-
KEYHOLE Materials and Information

1. The OSD, JCS, Army, Navy, Air Force, NSA, and CIA members of the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance have closely examined the problems incident to the exploitation of photography and the use of the information available from Mission 9009 satellite photography. They submit for approval of the USIB their conclusion as to the meaning of this photography for U.S. National Security purposes in the attached document. Along with this document are annexes devoted to the individual agencies showing the organization units (with their functions) which need to make use of the photography or information derived therefrom and the number of billets required in that use.

2. The billet structures planned for this purpose prior to receipt of Mission 9009 are judged by the agencies to be inadequate for exploitation and use of the material. The additional billets required by agencies are summarized in Annex A with a recapitulation by agency in subsequent annexes.

3. Recommendation: That the USIB approve the attached document with its annexes.

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Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

Attachment: As stated

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1. A Presidential Directive recently issued requires that satellite photography must be handled within the TALENT Security Control System in a separate compartment known as TALENT-KEYHOLE. It further requires that the United States Intelligence Board shall develop a broad consensus for determining those functions in the United States Government (and personnel within them) which must have access to satellite photography for National Security purposes.
2. The satellite photography from Mission 9009 is in hand and is currently being exploited and used within Washington Headquarters' intelligence agencies, and The Strategic Air Command, Aero-Space Technical Intelligence Center, Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, Army Map Service, and Navy Photographic Interpretation Center. The billet structure within these organizations was planned on an extremely limited basis in advance of the arrival of satellite photography and pending an evaluation of the exploitation potential.
3. For six years the U.S. intelligence agencies have had extensive experience with the larger scale photography from overflight held in the SENSINT and TALENT Systems. New equipment bearing upon the art of photographic interpretation has clearly expanded the quantity and quality of information derived from that photography. We have seen the extensive uses to which the material and the information derived therefrom can be put for strategic intelligence purposes, emergency war planning, intelligence purposes related to the responsibility of theater commanders, research and development requirements of the Department of Defense, and operational purposes of the military as well as intelligence operations.
4. The examination of satellite photography from Mission 9009 reveals that it can serve essentially the same purposes as the earlier TALENT photography. While it has definite limitations for technical intelligence purposes (as compared with TALENT), it serves those purposes

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through comparison with existing TALENT and through the use of collateral intelligence. Its vast geographic coverage clearly enhances our ability to search for guided missile sites of all sorts, and will permit the identification of installations with which we have become familiar under the TALENT Program. In addition to the uses for positive information on the USSR, it will materially assist in refining the targets for other collection programs and improving their potential.

5. The USIB has reviewed U.S. needs for National Security purposes in the light of the capabilities of the available satellite photography and with the purpose and intention of the Presidential Directive uppermost in mind. The USIB considers the planned increase of TALENT-KEYHOLE billets set forth in the annexes hereto to be necessary and proper in terms of functional use of TALENT-KEYHOLE materials and information and the magnitude of the personnel forces to carry these functions at this time.

Annex A Summary of TALENT-KEYHOLE Billets for All Agencies

- B T-KH Billets for Office Secretary of Defense
- C T-KH Billets for JCS
- D T-KH Billets for Army
- E T-KH Billets for Navy
- F T-KH Billets for Air Force
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